MANY STRANGERS EXPECTED.

officers of the Organization Take a Most Hopeful View as to Results-Every Branch of Business Must Be

April 7th promises to be a red-letter

It is to be the occasion of the first of the excursions to be run to this city under the auspices of the Association for the Development of Richmond Trade. It will mark the first step taken to bring the metropolis of Virginia into thuch with the people of all parts

of this glorious old Commonwealth. all arrangements for these excursions have not been perfected, it is points along the line of the Norfolk and tern railway between Farmville and Richmond; from all stations on the Chesapeake between Old Point, Scottsville, sriottesville, and this city, and from all points on the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac railroad between Fredericksburg and Richmond.

Should all the plans of the association



PRESIDENT W. S. RHOADS.

pitious, it is believed that the in-ements in the way of cheap railway es and low prices at the stores will ng 2,500 to 3,000 people, or more, to this

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try on that day.

As an example of the extent to which
he association has arranged to give the
sople opportunity to come, the fare
rom Farmville to Richmond and return
n April 7th, by the special train to be
rovided for the excursionists, will be
his 31. This is a most remarkable reaction. The train will leave the county
att of Prince Edward early in the morng-probably about 7 o'clock—and will
rive in Richmond about 10:45. Returng, it will leave Richmond at a config. it will leave Richmond at a convenient hour in the evening, and reach Farmville at a good hour for retiring. Efforts will be made to have similar arrangements with the other roads, and it is confidently believed that the initial day of excursions will prove to be a great achievement on the part of the Associa-tion for the Development of Richmond Frade.

The scope of this organization is broad

and its objects are patriotic. The members of it are not working simply for personal aggrandizement, but for the good of every branch of business in this city and for the body politic.

It '- thought that the efforts of this organization will be of benefit not only to the citizens of Richmond, but will afford opportunities to people throughout the entire State, which have heretofore been denied them, and which will build up stronger ties between the city mild up stronger ties between the city In view of the great interest already manifested in the character of the association, the objects for which it was ormed, and the origin of the movement, may be well to say that the object of he organization is to build up every commercial interest of the city, and to to this by such means as may be deemed expedient from time to time. The work of the body may not be entirely contined to excursions. Other features may found wise or desirable after awhile, they may be resorted to. It is not evel that the movement will in any y injure the trade of the manufactura and jobbers of Richmond, or of the latry or town merchants throughout the let it is predicted that while the production will believe many one it is predicted that while the crits of the association will bring many the and much translent business to a city, the trade will be that which en goes to the larger cities by special let and trade which now does not

The membership of the association is increasing every day, and the organiza-tion is experiencing no difficulty in raising the necessary guarantee fund to carry on its work. The meetings of the association have been enthusiastic and harmonious. The officers are members. armonious. The officers are members of the leading concerns in the city. They tre young men of push and ability, and they have the cause in which they are aboring deeply imbedded in their hearts.

PROSPECTS VERY BRIGHT. Mr. W. S. Rhoads, of the firm of Miladent of the association. When seen a Dispatch reporter yesterday, and teel as to the prospects of the associan, he said that they were very

Association for the Development nond Trade," continued Mr. blect of developing the local or transien Richmond possesses to-day the ercantile capacity to supply the needs of a quarter of a million of people, no only with merchandise of every descrip a, but she can furnish them with every form of entertainment and unsurpassed hotel accommodations. Richmond abounds



MR. I. H. KAUFMAN.

in bistorical interest to a far greater exin historical interest to a far greater ex-tent thin any city in America, and this, coupled with her splendid facilities for handling a large volume of business, should make her what the association hopes to be able to do by an exposition of her facilities and resources—a magnet that will draw the trade in a large volume from the whole surrounding country, to which, by her supremacy as an unsur-

passed market for every kind of mer-chantable wares, she is justly entitled. MUST HAVE CO-OPERATION.

"To do this, it will require co-operation; the co-operation of every branch of commerce and every railroad running into our city. The latter are the mighty channels through which commerce flows to and fro, and the most profitable acquisition to Richmond and the railroads is an



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abundance of transportation. To bring
this about each must offer inducements
extraordinary. Richmond and the railroads must demonstrate to the surrounding country trade that it pays to come
here, and often. When once the full
strength of a great city is felt and realized, it spreads and penetrates the entire
country, quickens commerce, awakens
life, and produces energy in the most
roral districts.

The association's aim is not only to "The association's aim is not only to build up a greater trade for our city, but to build up and develop Virginia," declared the President. "What greater power to undertake so great a work than Richmond? Do not all great movements emanate from great cities, where great co-operation is possible and great capital available? Let the business-men of Richmond make the influence and strength of Richmond felt in and throughout our State, and our strength will react and reflect, will awaken new life and new flect, will awaken new life and new energy everywhere; it will be as great a benefit to those who come to Richmond as it will be to our city.

UNDERTAKING OF MAGNITUDE.

"The association fully realizes the magnitude of this great undertaking, and also realizes the great results to be obtained if the object for which it was formed is successfully carried out. The association so far has met with prompt response from many representative business firms, and has the hearty endorsation of the entire city press, and it is the hope of the association that no businessman—no matter how large or small his business may be, for it is neither so small or so large that he does not desire to increase it—will turn a deaf ear to the appeal of the association to join in the work and contribute to the general fund such an amount as he feels able to give, so that the association will be able on the 7th of April, when the first of the grand series of excursions will be run to our city, to demonstrate that by hearty co-operation these excursions can be made self-sustaining and of great benefit both to Richmond and the country people."

FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL. UNDERTAKING OF MAGNITUDE. FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

When Vice-President I. H. Kaufman, of Kaufman & Co., was seen, he promptly said: "To my way of thinking, this movement now being pushed for the development of Richmond trade is the most noteworthy and commendable that has taken place in our business circles for some time. This association is not organized for the benefit of any one distinct line or class of merchants, but appeals to every business-man who has the interest and prosperity of our city at heart, and, as one of its citizens, he is in duty bound to co-operate and lend his aid to any enterprise that will redound with credit to our merchants, from which they have good reason to expect substantial returns.

"As for the prospects of success," said When Vice-President I. H. Kaufman, of

substantial returns.

"As for the prospects of success," said the vice-prosident, hopefully, "the strong inducements of an exceptionally low rate for transportation held out to country trade in the territory tributary to Richmond, coupled with the great facilities and mond, coupled with the great lacinities and advantages offered in the way of close prices and enormous stocks from which to make purchases here, there is no doubt in my mind but that this move-



TREASURER J. GANS. ment will make itself felt; but it is very necessary to have the co-operation of our citizens, and each should do his part toward making it an assured suc-

WHAT THE SECRETARY THINKS. Secretary A. H. Meyer, of the firm of Julius Meyer & Sons, was next seen by the news-gatherer, and asked for an ex-pression regarding the organization. "What do I think of the Association for "What do I think of the Association for the Promotion of Richmond Trade?" said Mr. Meyer. "I think it is on the thres-hold of a great success, and I don't think the people of Richmond, or the associa-tion itzelf, realize the value and possi-bilities of the work they've undertaken. The adoption of a systematic course for bringing suburban trade to Richmond by the excursion plan is incalculable in the good that will revert to the city, But the association should not stop here. Every good that will revert to the city. But the association should not stop here. Every effort should be made to bring Richmond into publicity. Manufacturers should be made acquainted with Richmond's re-sources. I say without qualification that Richmond to-day is the best geographi-cally-situated city in the South for manu-facturing concerns. All this lies within facturing concerns. All this lies within the goope of the association's work. To promote Richmond trade is its object, and no quicker, permanent results can be achieved than securing manufacturers to locate factories in this city.

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"Employment for the masses." Mr. Meyer continued, "forms the nucleus of every prosperous city, and success in attracting manufacturers means giving employment to the thousands now unemployed. As for the excursion plan, the entire State of Virginia will share the benefits with Richmond. The ability of neople coming to Richmond at the low rate of fare which the association will secure for them means a great deal to the places that are brought within arm's reach of Richmond's markets.

"Close communion with this city," said the genial secretary, "is the life of prosperity that will build up other places.

Richmond Trade" is not simply an organization of retail merchants. It is an association of the people of Richmond, who are interested in promoting her welfare. I do not think it is a false prophecy to say that within a year the association will have 1,000 active members. Already other than retailers have evinced interest in the work going on. In a word, the success of the association work; the furnishing of Richmond and her interests, concerns alike the merchant and mechanic; the capitalist, and the laborer."

Republicans at Sea with Respect to TREASURER GANS'S VIEWS

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Mr. J. Gans, of A. Saks & Co., who is the energetic and efficient treasurer of the association, when visited by the scribe, was enthusiastic over the future of the movement. He said: "The fact of my being associated with the movement in queetion gives a decided index as to my opinion of same. According to my judgment, the benefits to be derived are manifold. The merchants are benefited by having the opportunity of catering to more people. The people living in the country are benefited by being able to come to the city at a very nominal price, and gives them a chance to transact their business personally at a trifling cost. Should many of the excursionists simply come down for pleasure, it is certainly a great privilege extended to them to make a trip for about one fifth the usual railroad fare. Besides, the individual benefits it brings the people of Richmond and those living in the surrounding country in touch with each other, which can only bring one result.

PRINCIPLE OF THE THING.

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MR. TAYLOR GRANDY.

(Member of the Executive Committee.) buy for \$1 what they would not dream of purchasing for \$5. The same thing applies to railroad fares. The farmer may not feel that he is able to spend \$4 or \$5 for a railroad ticket, either to enjoy himself, or to transact any business, but if the price is brought down to the minimum sum of \$1 he will hardly hesitate to accept the opportunity. As an illustration, I asked the gentleman if he recollected when the little 'bob-tail cars' here required a fare of 10 cents, and whether he ever remembered seeing the 'standing-room-only' sign displayed, and how often was it now necessary for a person to stand up, and sometimes even find it impossible to get on a car. These facts are all due to a march of civilization which has given us better facilities for less money than we had been accustomed to paying.

NEED TALK ABOUT RICHMOND. "The suburban towns of the North, East, and West have helped to make the cities larger and more prosperous. That is what we are aiming at now. The more people we get here the more people we'll have talking about Richmond when they go back home. The more people we get here the larger the clientage will be for the merchants to cater to, and catering to more people means carrying larger stocks, which, in return, means the payment of additional taxes to the cater and more freights, to the railly and and more freights to the railroad companies. So you see, it's but 'a wheel within a wheel, every revolution benefiting somebody, directly or indirectly. And if the citizens of Richmond will gi us their aid, and assist us, not only with their contributions, but by their efforts, we think the results will be so satisfac-tory that we will censure ourselves for not having attempted so important an

undertaking long ago." PROVE PROFITABLE TO ALL.

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Mr. Taylor Grandy, of the State, who, with the officers already referred to, constitutes the Executive Committee of the association, expressed himself thus:

"The successful carrying out of the object of the association, to popularize travel to Richmond, giving out-of-town people within an accessible radius special advantages for purchasing their goods and selling their products in Richmond, will prove profitable, both to the city and to the people of the surrounding country. It will increase the volume of Richmond's trade, and enable the merchants and out-of-town people to become better acquainted, to mutual advantage. It will give life and activity to the streets of the city by increasing the number of strangers here from time to time, and enable out-of-town people to avail themselves of the most favorable market for purchasing their goods and selling their products. It will afford many geople a pleasant trip to Richmond which they otherwise would not be able to take, and bring them in contact with new life and new thought, which will act both as an education and inspiration to them. There is no more interesting city in the South than Richwhich will act both as an education and inspiration to them. There is no more interesting city in the South than Rich-mond, and travel here at stated periods should be sufficiently low to enable at least every adult person to visit the capital of his State; quickening his pride in its history and his interest in its pro-

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"Neither is there in the South any better city in which to shop—one that sells goods cheaper or offers greater variety from which to select from—than Richmond; and lower rates to enable people to come here will benefit thereby both the buyer and the seller.

"The idea of the association, in a sentence." Mr. Grandy concluded, "Is to promote profitable progress, both in Richmond and in its surrouunding territory—an object worthy, it is believed, the support of every one interested in the development of his city and the progress of his section."

Our Heroes and Our Flags. We have now on hand a supply of OUR HEROES AND OUR FLAGS, and those holding coupons can obtain pictures by presenting them at our counter and paying 10 cents; or, if to be mailed, by paying 10 cents and a 2-cent stamp in addition.

We have filled all out-of-town orders up

to date. To those who did not avail themselves of our coupon offers, we will be ready in future to furnish the Confederate souvenir for 25 cents, when accompanied with a small section of the Dispatch heading and date from two different issues.

LONDON, March 7.—A Rome Dispatch to the Central News says that Signor Crispi will present to the Chamber of Deputies documents proving that if the Ministers had accepted proposals made by him the disasters to the Italian forces in Abyssinis would not have happened.

SOUTHERN MAN.

Daniel or Gordon or O'Ferrall with Matthews, of Indiana.

TICKET BEING TALKED ABOUT.

Their Nominees-Cullom and Quay

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7 .-(Special.)-The pians of the politicians who have in hand the presidential tickets, mentioned some time ago in this correspondence—Mathews of Indiana and Daniel of Virginia, or Gordon of Georgia, for the Democrats, and Cullom of Illinois and Quay of Pennsylvania, or some other eastern man, for the Republicans-are gradually though quietly assuming shape and form. It is beginning to be conceded that Mr. Cleveland will defeat his own nomination, if he has not done so already, by both direct and indirect announcements through his friends. The admirers of the President still insist that nobody but himself can prevent his nomination, and that he will be the next Democratic candidate, if the present sentiment of the party is to be taken as an indication. Notwithstanding this, they candidly admit that Mr. Cleveland will, under no circumstances, accept the nomnation again. He has had all he desires of public life, and will retire at the expiration of his present term, either to travel or live quietly for some years to

Mr. Whitney is the next favorite of the Democrats as the national standardbearer this year, but his well-known decision not to be a candidate, and that he

cision not to be a candidate, and that he would not accept the nomination if tendered him, takes him out of the possibilities even, and as effectually as if he had never been in the race.

This leaves the Democratic field open to but very few of the aspirants whose names have been mentioned, though there is no doubt of there being plenty of presidential material in the party. Morrison of Illinois is the choice of some few Democrats, none of whom can guarantee, however, that he can carry his own State, and there is a decided objection to him on account of his age, which makes him almost ineligible as a presidential incumbent.

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Under this view of the situation, Govornor Mathews, of Indiana, who can easily carry his own State, and is a great western presidential favorite, with either Senator Daniel or Governor O'Ferrall, of Virginia, or Senator Gordon, of Georgia, on the same ticket, looms up as the most probable man for the nomination at Chicago. Such a ticket would sweep the South and West, and carry the country, and it is admitted on all sides that it is high time that there should be a southern man on the Democratic ticket. Any of the three named would, on a national ticket, make every Southern State safe to the Democracy, and the well-known popularity of Mathews in the West, when the disrupted condition of the Republican party in that section is considered, would almost insure the success of the ticket in the country.

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On the Republican side, the leaders, while they are encumbered with "favorite sons," are more completely and blindly, at sea than the Democrats. They are so embarrassed by the complications with the western silver senators and their supporters, their inability to secure party harmony, and their utter helplessness as regards legislation in Congress, that, turn whichever way they may, they are conwhichever way they may, they are con-fronted by almost insurmountable politi-

cal difficulties.

The Reed, the McKinley, and the Allison booms are not satisfactory to most of the big guns of the party, who want to win next November. It is only the henchmen and small-boy politicians who constitute the following of the political aspirants above-mentioned. The real bosses are looking in another direction for a presidential ticket, and the fact of the presidential ticket, and the fac for a presidential teket, and the lact that Senator Culiom, of Illinois, who has been quietly talked about for some time, has been induced to announce himself as a candidate for the nomination, goes to show that the Republicans are preparing ticket that they think will at leas a ticket that they think will at least have a chance of success in November. Cullom and Quay is the combination of the East and West, that they now think may partially harmonize and unite the party for the fight this fall. Though their prospects are dismal and not nearly so bright as those of the Democrats, they have some hopes with the Cullom and Quay ticket.

CULLOM'S MODESTY.

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Here is the way Mr. Cullom modestly announced his candidacy, when asked for a statement: "After due consideration and careful investigation of the situation, I have said to the people of Illinois that I should deem it a high honor to have the support of my State delegation at the St. Louis convention. I am a candidate to that extent, and I may add that I now see no reason why I should not continue to be a candidate. In making this announcement, I desire that it should be understood explicitly that in entering the race I do not become a party to any scheme. I do not do it for the purpose of hurting or helping any other aspirant, except in so far as my own success might have that effect. I have gone into the contest simply because I consider the ambition a worthy one, and will take my chances with others in the final result."

FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

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At the Catholic University to-day the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas was observed in the morning by pontifical mass, which was celebrated by Bishop Keane. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock academic exercises took place in the assembly hall, at which Dr. Pace, the dean of the faculty, of philosophy, delivered an eloquent address upon the life of St. Thomas. This was followed by a conferring of degrees in philosophy, law, and letters by Cardinal Gibbons. The master of ceremonies was Dr. Cameron, and his aids were Father Cummins, Rev. Mr. Roeser, and Messra. Twohig, Cashman, and McGuire.

The divinity students of the university celebrated the feast in the evening with a literary and musical entertainment, which was attended by a large number of invited guests.

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POTOMAC DUCKING. POTOMAC DUCKING.

The place on the Petomac made interesting by the President's recent ducking achievements, and his purchase of which is called by sportsmen "a ducking point." was celebrated many years ago in an article in the Forest and Stream, in which Fitz, Lee, whose residence, "Richmond," was there, figured, and also other well-known Virginia huntsmen, especially Colonel Wibur Waller, the present "genius loci."

General Payne and General Lomax arrived at midnight to visit General Lee, and when the howling of the numerous dogs announced the event General Lee, in decollete night-gear, ushered in his guests, and one of his kinsmen, who had been snoozing up-stairs, came down in ghost-like attire, relieved by a demijohn. The occasion became pleasant, and the daybreak ducking was post-poned.

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Colonel Waller thought it behooved him to exploit the hospitality of the neighborhood, so he came over in a ducking-boat that night and suggested a moonlight duck-hunt.

"But," says one of the guests, snugly ensconced in the warm chimney-corner, and smoking and telling a war anecdots,

"Yes, sir."
"Well, Colonel, do you think we would get any ducks?" "No, sir."
"Well, Colonel, would you advise us to go?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, Colonel, you are the most ardent portsman, and most hospitable gentleman that the Old Dominion has ever produced, and we are at your orders."

A BULL FOR SALE.

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Colonel Waller, the President's recent host, once introduced a Washington butcher to a new settler in the neighborhood, and several sales of cattle were arranged. The bull-dealer bought a young bullock, but couldn't catch him. The young farmer had the money, but the beef was on the wing.

"Got in Himmel," said the butcher, who was a "Dutchman," "I lose de monish and de little bull, too."

"Of course," said the farmer," that's the little bull that was put on the steamboat, and he butted the whole crew off the boat, and took to his native fields again. The next man who bought him set fire to the broom-sedge to corner the animal on that point of marsh, and thebuil swam across to Mariborough Point, and the next week was back home, grazing in his old fields."

"Dou you keep dot leetle bull to sell "m all de time?"

"That's just about it, mein herr," said the Staffordian, "but don't give it away, and you can come and get the com-

the Staffordian, "but don't give it away, and you can come and get the com-missions."

ELIZABETH-RIVER CHANNEL.

Colonel William Lamb, of Norfolk, in company with Representatives Walker and Tyler, of Virginia, appeared before the River and Harbor Committee to-day, and explained the status of the bill for the deepening and widening of the channel in Hampton Roads from Newport News to the Norfolk navy-yard; and also for the improvement of the Eastern branch of the Elizabeth river. The entire matter was fully discussed, and a proper understanding of it was arrived at. It appears that a report had been made, which recommended a depth of twenty feet in the channels, when really twenty-eight feet was needed. At any rate, the committee appeared to be willing to allow the necessary corrections to be made. ELIZABETH-RIVER CHANNEL

made.
Colonel Lamb extended an invitation Colonel Lamb extended an invitation to the entire Committee on Rivers and Harbors to visit Norfolk, inspect the harbor there, and see for themselves what was required, which they accepted, and Colonel Lamb gave them the privilege of naming their own time. This Chairman Hooker, who had been laboring under a misapprehension as to the reports in the matter, said he would do. The committee will doubtless go down to Norfolk at an early day. an early day.

JEFFERSON'S BIRTHDAY.

The alumni of the University of Virginia residing in the District of Columbia will celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, which occurs on April the 13th. A meeting of the Executive Committee of this association was recently held, when it was arranged to have an informal luncheon and listen to addresses by graduates of this famous institution. Every alumnus in the District will be invited. Committees were appointed to carry out the programme decided upon. The one on invitation and speeches is composed of the following: Dr. Thomas is composed of the following: Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, Mr. G. I. Rettick, and Dr. Joseph Bryan. Among those on the Banquet Committee are Dr. Giazebrook, Mr. C. G. Lee, and Mr. Clarence Thomas; on the Committee on Membership, Professor R. L. Preston, Professor W. D. Cabel, and Dr. T. Clark. JEFFERSON'S BIRTHDAY.

POSTAL.

POSTALStar-service change has been made in Virginia as follows: Lynchburg to Sedalia. From April 13, 1896, curtail service to end at Charlemont, omitting Sedalia, decreasing distance three miles. Charles V. Foster has been commissioned postmaster at Otter River, Va. Changes in star schedules have been made in Virginia as follows:
Stephens City to Canterburg-Leave Stephens City daily except Sunday at 3:35 P. M., arrive Canterburg by 4:35 P. M. Leave Canterburg daily except Sunday at 9:29 A. M., arrive Stephens City by 19:20 A. M.
Millwood to Boyce-Leave Millwood daily except Sunday at 8:30 A. M. and

6:32 P. M., arrive Boyce by 9 A. M. ana 6:32 P. M. Leave Boyce daily except Sunday at 9:40 A. M. and 7:45 P. M., arrive Millwood by 10:10 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Hunter to Nettleridge—Leave Hunter daily except Sunday at 10:45 A. M., arrive Nettleridge daily except Sunday at 9:30 A. M., arrive Hunter by 10:30 A. M.

Bacon to Williamsburg—Leave Bacon Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 A. M., arrive Williamsburg by 9:30 A. M. Leave Williamsburg Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 11 A. M., arrive Bacon by 1 P. M.

Magruder to Williamsburg—Leave Magruder daily except Sunday at 3:30 P. M., arrive Williamsburg daily except Sunday at 6 P. M., arrive Magruder by 7:30 P. M. Leave Williamsburg daily except Sunday at 6 P. M., arrive Magruder by 7:30 P. M. Lunette to Arcola—Leave Lunette daily except Sunday at 1 P. M., arrive Arcola by 2 P. M. Leave Arcola daily except Sunday at 2:15 P. M., arrive Lunette by 3:15 P. M.

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Ex-Congressman B. H. Bunn, of North Carolina, is in the city, stopping at the Metropolitan.

Mr. Samuel M. Yost, of Staunton, is a visitor, stopping at the St. James.

Mr. Clarence T. Boykin, of the Dispatch, Richmond, was here for a few hours this morning, en route for Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Boykin killed the time here by visiting friends and relatives, who were glad to see him.

Assistant United States District, Attorney William H. Mann, of the Eastern District, of Virginia, is in the city, on business with the Department of Justice.

Mrs. F. N. Roberts, of Richmond, is here, stopping at the Hotel Vendome.

Mr. J. C. Harrison, of the University of Virginia, is here quartered at the St. James.

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Professor J. T. Thornton, of the University of Virginia, is in the city, registered at the Hotel Regent.

Miss Jones and Miss Annie Jones, of Lynchburg, Va., are in the city, stopping at the Ebbitt House.

Mr. William Rountree, a well-known Richmond manufacturer, was in the city yesterday, on business.

Mr. R. P. Purcell, of Gainesville, Va., is a visitor here, registered at the Metropolitan.

politan.

Mr. R. D. Garrison, of New York, is here, quartered at Chamberlain's.

Mr. John Calahan, who was well-known in Richmond some years ago, has been re-elected manager of the Washington and New York Steamboat Line.

ARRIVALS. ARRIVALS.

St. James: E. N. Cooper, Virgina; R. A. Sullvan and P. J. Oliver, Leesburg, Va.; M. H. Chalkley, Richmond, Va.; R. L. Williams, V. Dabney, Virginia; A. M. Volz, A. Blumberg, Staunton, Va.; J. M. Long, Winchester, Va.; Mrs. P. Cherrington and daughter, Virginia; A. L. Pennington, North Carolina.

Hotel Regent: T. W. Comstock, Virginia.

National: L. W. Montague, Richmond, Va. Metropolitan: L. F. Mitchell, Leesburg Va.; W. K. Compton, Virginia; R. O. Owen, Lynchburg, Va.; S. S. Phoebus, Old Point Comfort, Va.
Ebbitt House; P. S. Woodfin, R. G. Bickford, Virginia.
Howard House: P. H. Smith, W. N. Tatum, A. Jamison, G. S. Triplett, J. L. Biggerstaff, Virginia: W. H. Battis, Lynchburg, Va.; W. Bydnor, Richmond, Va.; B. F. Garber, J. W. Garber, Virginia; J. M. Long, Winchester, Va. The Raleigh: I. N. Smith, Newport News; Henry Walke, F. E. Wilcox; Nortoll; William Berrard and son, Virginia; A. P. Rowe, Jr., Fredericksburg, Va. Delegate S. T. Gilliam, of Dinwiddia

county, was here yesterday, stopping at the St. James.

Mr. D. L. Hardaway, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, who has been absent at his home, in Blackstone, Va., on account of illness, returned here to-day.

Hon, J. Taylor Ellyson and Mrs. Ellyson, who have been here since yesterday, looking over the arrangement of both national and Confederate records and relies in the Smithsonian Institution and the War Department, returned to Richmond by the evening train to-day. Mrs. Ellyson's experience here will be valuable at the Confederate Museum, in Richmond.

The Seat in Congress Practically Declared Vacant.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7 .-House Elections Committee No. 2 today decided that no election had occured in the Fifth Louisiana District, now rep resented by Mr. Boatner, the practical

resented by Mr. Boatner, the practical effect of which is to declare the seat vacant. The conclusion reached by the committee was that there had been so much fraud, violence, and intimidation at the polls as to invalidate the election. In other words, that there had been no free expression of the popular will, as shown by the evidence.

There will be two reports—a majority one, signed by the Republicans; and a minority one, signed by the Democrats. The majority report will be made by Mr. Taylor, of Ohlo. It will probably be two weeks before the reports will be presented to the House, and possibly a fortnight thereafter before the case will be taken up in the House.

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Mr. Boatner's seat is contested by Alexis Benoit.

BREAK IN COTTON OIL. What Treasurer Ralph Says with

Respect to It. NEW YORK, March 7.—The sudden break of Cotton-Oil preferred at the New York Stock Exchange from 62 to 57, would pass the June dividend. Treasurer Ralph said that the earnings of the company for the five months of the current fiscal year, or up to February 1st, shaw that the receipts were equal to those of the corresponding period of last year. It was the policy of the company, he said, not to anticipate, and for this reason he would say nothing regarding the proswould say nothing regarding the pros-pects of a dividend on the preferred stock in June.

TCBACCO COMPANY EXPLANATION. Report of Issue of Its Treasury

NEW YORK, March 7.-The following explanation of the report that the American Tobacco Company has issued American Tobacco Company has issued or is about to issue a part or all of the \$2,000,000 of its treasury stock; comes from persons enjoying close relations with certain of the company's directors. It is that when the company purchased certain plants recently, it did so partly for cash and partly for stock, and borrowed stock from several large holders, giving them scrip in place of it. It is said that the company now intends to redeem the scrip by issuing stock for it.

Hearing of Garcia Cases Postponed.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The hearing before United States Commissioner Shelids in the cases of General Calixto Garcia, Captain L. W. Brabazon, Captain Samuel Hughes, B. G. Guerra, and Bernado J. Bueno, charged with violation of the neutrality laws, was set down for to-day, but when the cases were called by the Commissioner, at 11 o'clock, the government asked for an adjournment, on the ground that all of the evidence for the prosecution had not been prepared. Counsel for defence objected, and urged an immediate hearing. For the government it was urged that a postponement was absolutely necessary, and Commissioner Shields said that, under the circumstances, he would grant an adjournment until next Wednesday, at 11 o'clock. The Commissioner Insisted, however, upon a speedy hearing, and said he would set it down peremptorily for that day. Hearing of Garcia Cases Postponed.

The Dry-Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 7.-Although the dry-goods market to-day has been ex-tremely quiet in all departments, quite tremely quiet in all departments, quite a number of agents are able to report some improvement in their aggregate business for the week. This increase is clearly traceable to current requirements exercising pressure on a greater numbe of buyers, as the orders coming to hand have still been of quite a conservative character, and transactions of mement have been conspicuously rare. The tone at the close of the week is dull throughout for both cotton and woollen goods, but the market can hardly be quoted lower than at the close of last week.

Brockway Counterfeiters Sentenced. Brockway Counterfeiters Sentenced.
TRENTON, N. J., March 7.—William E.
Brockway, Abbie L. Smith, and William E.
Wagner, counterfeiters, were arraigned for sentence this morning before Judga Green, of the Federal Court. Brockway was sentenced to ten years in the State prison, and to pay a fine of \$1,000. Mrs. Smith was sent to the Essex county penitentiary for four years, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$250. Wagner received the lightest punishment, owing to the fact that the jury had recommended him to the mercy of the Court. His sentence was one year in the Hudson county penitentiary, and a fine of \$100.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Simon Borg, J. Kennedy Tod, and Albert S. Rowe, representing the general mortgage bondholders of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, announce that they are pre-paring a plan of reorganisation solely in the interest of the security-holders of the company, and they request bond and stockholders to withhold their assent to any plan until the plan to be formu-lated by this committee has been sub-mitted.

Baldissera Wants Artillery. ROME, March 7.—General Baldissera, the newly appointed commander-in-chief of the Italian forces in Abyssinia, has asked the government to send to Africa at once additional artillerymen and munitions of war. He also reports that of the 18,000 men who were missing after the battle fought at Adowa last Sunday, 7,000 have returned to the Italian camp, and others are arriving daily.

Baltimore and Ohio Change. Baltimore and Onto Change.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 7.—GeneralManager R. B. Campbell, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, has resigned,
and William M. Greene, general manager of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad, has been appointed to the
position. Receiver Murray has gone to
Cincinnati to confer with the new ap-

NEW YORK, March 7.—Theodore Rick-secker, manufacturer of perfumes, made an assignment to-day. Mr. Ricksecker had been in business twenty-three years, and claimed to be worth \$50,000. He had a large trade throughout the United States.

County Court-House Burned. HUNTINGTON, W. VA., March 7.—
The county court-house at Wayne was surned yesterday, entailing a loss of trobably more than \$50,000. All the reords were saved. The building was fully naured.

Secretary Smith Has the Grip-WASHINGTON. D. C., March 7.— Secretary Hoke Smith has been confined to his home several days, suffering from

MR. ARCHER ASSIGNS.

The Proprietor of the Ballard and Krchange Fails for \$18,000.

HOTEL EFFECTS TRANSFERE

nel Jo Lane Stern, the Treete Will Take Charge at Once-Lists of the Creditors.

Mr. Archibald W. Archer, proprieter Mr. Archibald W. Archer, preprieter of the Exchange and Bellard Hotels, made an assignment late last evening to Celenel Jo. Lane Stern, trustee. The deed, in which Mrs. Nellie D. W. Archer joins her husband, was entered of record in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court at 8 o'clock. The liabilities are \$18,000, and the assets are believed ample to pay every dollar of the debts of Mr. Archer, and leave a goodly resi-

THE PROPERTY ASSIGNED.

The property conveyed to the trusted consists of the effects of the two hotels, but the conveyance is made subject to the lien of a certain deed of trust to Norman V. Rahdolph and Jo. Lane Stern, trustees, dated May 21, 1894. The conveyance further comprises the good-will of said Archibaid W. Archer in said business, his license therefor, so far as the same may be assignable, and all his right, title, and interest in and to two deeds of lease—one from Lewis P. Winston, receiver, of the Chancery Court of the city of Richmond, in a certain suit therein pending, styled "Binford against Universal Life-Insurance Company, C. O., 187," which is dated June 1, 1894, and demises the Ballard-House property; the other from Eugene Massie and W. O. Nolting, receivers of said court in suit of Richardson against Stuart, etc., which is dated on the same day, and demises the Exchange-Hotel property.

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All the hotel furniture, pictures, coaches, horses, wagons, harness; in fact, all the personal property of every description used in the conduct of the business, wherever situated, including the unused provisions, liquors, wines, etc., now on hand, which personal property is composed of what is left of certain articles of hotel furniture and other personal property enumerated in a certain inventory, is assigned, as is also all the right, title, and interest of Mr. Archer in and to a certain lease of the eight and the rest of the lease of the eight and the sale Exchange Hotel to R. P. Morgan, lessee. P. Morgan, lessee. The deed also conveys all be

The deed also conveys all bonds, bills, notes, and book accounts belonging to the said Archibald W Archer, including all debts, which have been reduced to judgment or otherwise secured, and all books of accounts kept by him in conducting his said business.

But the conveyance of all the property is also made subject to any and all valid liens chargeable upon the same, whether at law or in equity.

The trustee is to sell the property conveyed at the best possible terms, and is authorized to compremise any disputed accounts due Colonel Archer, if he deems it to the advantage of the beneficiarics.

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Out of the proceeds of the sale of the property the trustee is to pay, first, all legal expenses caused by the drawing up of the deed, including a fee of 350 to Colonel Jo. Lane Stern for services rendered prior to and in the preparation of the deed. He is to then pay all rent and taxes due, or to become due, which may be legally chargeable upon the trust, and all salaries due employees. The trustee is also to retain a commission of 5 per cent, on all sales and collections made by him by reason of the trust as a compensation for his services as trustee.

After the payment of these various items, the residue of the proceeds of the sale the following claims of the following creditors are to be satisfied:

FIRST-CLASS CREDITORS.

First—The Taylor & Bolling Company, DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS

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Second—S. P. Lathrop, of this city, about \$200; S. F. Padgett & Co., of this city, about \$200; J. W. Blanton, about \$300.

Third—Joseph W. Blanton, \$171; the same, open account, \$56.96; Gay & Lorraine, \$297.55; Taylor, Bolling & Co., \$250; Richmond Coffee and Spice Mills, \$23; L. Hill Printing Company, \$11.50; National Hotel Reporter (Chicago), \$12.50; Whittle, Sydnor & Co., \$19.75; Richmond Stove Company, \$2.40; Oscar Cranz & Co., \$11.31; J. C. Dickerson, \$3.90; J. W. Ferguson & Son, \$6.25; Hudson & Co., \$4; William Jenkins & Son, \$64.60; James MoGraw, \$4.25; Baughman Stationery Company, \$2.40; Irwin, Megargee & Co. (Philadelphia), \$22.50; John Bowers, \$101.80; John H. McGovern, \$2.50; Kliffin, Tooker & Co., (New York), \$1.50; Thomas Bradley (Philadelphia), \$100.01; Caldwell & Mason (Lewisburg, W. Va.), \$103.75; Droham & Co., \$22; David C. Ainslie, \$10; Purcell, Ladd & Co., \$15; Frank Miller, \$52.50; Hotel Red-Book, \$50; Powers-Taylor Drug Company, \$35.55; Cottrell, Watkins & Co., \$2.55; Adolphus Blair & Co., \$30.75; I. F. Padgett & Cd., \$100; E. Tample, Pemberton, Cordes & Co., \$30.75; I. F. Padgett & Cd., \$100; E. R. L. Christian, \$60.30; Caldwell & Mason (Lewisburg, W. Va.), \$100.75; I. F. Padgett & Cd., \$100; E. R. L. Christian, \$60.30; Caldwell & Co., \$10.75; I. F. Padgett & Co., \$100; Fanny Spenter, \$100.30; Caldwell & Co., \$10.75; I. F. Padgett & Co., \$100; E. R. L. Christian, \$60.30; Caldwell & Co., \$10.75; I. F. Padgett & Co., \$100; Waller Scott, \$100; Fourquean-Price Company, \$127; E. J. Carrington \$600, and any other creditors who may have been omitted from the list.

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In case of his inability within a reasonable time after the date of this deed to collect any of the outstanding accounts, the trustee is authorized to self them to the best advantage and with as little expense as possible. The trustee is also to collect and distribute the money realized from the trust assets among the beneficiaries under the deed in accordance with the provisions and priorities stated as rapidly as possible.

While the liabilities are given as life to the hotels were originally purchased by Mr. Archer at the cost of \$27,000.

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The Exchange and Ballard have been conducted jointly for many years, and have constituted one of the leading non-telries of the South from time almost immemorial. During the war they were the rendezvous of all the Confederate chieftains, Cabinet officers, senators members of Congress, &c., and were the scenes of many great social and political events. The Prince of Wales was guest at the Exchange during his visit here in 1857, and subsequently the Compte de Paris and his party had apariments it that well-known house. It was there that the Prince smacked his lips over his first julep. The Exchange is one of the individual process of the connection with its existence is that nearly every United States Senator of Governor elected in Virginia in recomposars had his headquarters in Room Monthly Man Tales. The auto-of-Translation of the state of the connection of the state of the connection with its existence in the prince of the connection with its existence in the prince of the connection with the existence in the prince of the connection with the existence in the prince of the connection with the existence in the prince of the connection with the existence in the prince of the connection with the existence in the prince of the connection with the existence in the prince of the connection with the connection w